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SUBJ : NIGERIA RECOGNIZES INDEPENDENCE OF GUINEA-BISSAU

1. IN STATEMENT ISSUED SEPT 27, FMG SAID IT RECEIVED WITH GREAT ADMIRATION NEWS OF ANNOUNCEMENT OF INDEPENDENCE OF GUINEA-BISSAU BY PAIGC, AND COMGRATULATED PAIGC FOR COURAGEOUS AND LEGISTIMATE DECISIOM. FMG ALSO SAID IT WAS INALIENABLE RIGHT OF ALL PEOPLES, EVERYWHERE IN WORLD TM LIVE IN FREEDOM, UNFETTERED BY SHACKLES OF FOREIGN DOMINATION AND UNMOLESTED IN PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS AND HUMAN DIGNITY. STATEMENT FURTHER SAID THAT DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE BY PAIGC WAS IN KEEPING WITH PREVAILING VIEW THAT STRUGGLE FOR INDEPENDENCE OF TERRITORIES UNDER COLONIAL DOMINATION
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SHOULD RESULT IN FREEDOM OF AT LEAST ONE SUCH COUNTRY

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IN THREE YEARS. FMG WISHED PAIGC AND PEOPLE OF GKINEAABISSAU EVERY SUCCESS IN DEFENSE OF THEIR FREEDOM AND TERRITORY, SAID IT WOKLD COOPERATE WITH THEM, AND, WITHIN LIMITS OF ITS OWN RESOURCES, WOULD CONTINUE TO RENDER THEM NECESSARY MATERIAL UND MORAL SUPPORT. STATEMENT CONCLUDED WITH EXPRESSION OF HOPE THUT PORTUGAL AND OTHER COLONIAL POWERS WOULD RETHINK THEIR POLICIES TOWARD TERRITORIES UNDER THEIR DOMINATION AND THAT PORTUGAL WOULD SEIZE OPPORTUNITY TO COOPERATE WITH PARTY AND PEOPLE OF GUINEA-BISSAU IN ORDER COMPENSATE FOR YEURS OF HUMILIATION AND COLONIAL DOMINATION.

2. AT PRESS CONFERENCE ON HIS DEPARTURE FOR N.Y., COMMISSIONER FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS ARIKPO, AFTER SAYING THAT NIGERIA WAS EXCEPTIONALLY HAPPY AT NEWS OF PAIGC ACTION, CALLED ON MEMBERS OF UN AND OAU TO GIVE THEIR FULL SUPPORT TO NATIONALISTS OF GUINEA-BISSAU TO ENABLE THEM TO SUSTAIN THEIR INDEPENDECE.

3. AS WAS TO BE EXPECTED, PRESS ALSO CAME OUT WITH FAVORABLE EDITORIALS HAILING INDEPENDENCE OF GUINEA (B) AND CALLING ON ALL NATIONS TO SUPPORT IT.

4. COMMENT: AS NOTED IN STATEMENT, INDEPENDENCE OF GUINEA (B) TECHNICALLY RESPONDS TO GOWON SUMMONS AT 1971 OAU SUMMIT FOR LIBERATION OF ONE COLONIAL TERRITORY WITHIN THREE YEARS.
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